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CRASH LANDING

## Two survive plane crash west of Didsbury

by Richard Westlund

Two men were rushed to hospital on the weekend after surviving a crash landing in fields about 10 kilometres south-west of Didsbury.

Pilot Jim MacKinnon from High River and passenger Bryan Smith, both 32, were forced down in a farmer's field about 2:15 p.m. Friday afternoon.

Edmonton Flight Services were alerted that the 1964 Piper was having fuel problems with its fuel tank on its trip from High River to High Level. The plane landed shortly after spreading parts including landing gear, for about 60 yards before coming to a stop. One witness told police that the left wing on the plane hit the ground first before sliding to stop on the belly of the plane.

Didsbury by-law officer Greg Hnatuk was the first to arrive on the scene. He said Smith was laying on the wing of the plane, still strapped into his seat when he arrived. He said he quickly checked over the aircraft to make sure there was no danger of fire then waited approximately five minutes with the victims before more help arrived.

Hnatuk said the passenger of the plane seemed like he was going in and out of consciousness before ambulance arrived.

MacKinnon was cut from the plane by rescue workers with the



The remains of a 1964 Piper airplane lay on the ground in Jack Meyer's field. The plane came down Friday afternoon after having fuel problems.

JAWS of life, a process that took about 45 minutes.

The two victims were taken to Foothills Hospital by Mountain View Regional Emergency Services.

STARS was called but were unable to make the trip from Calgary because of heavy fog.

Lyle McKellar of the Mountain View Regional Emergency Services said both injuries could be

life threatening shortly after the crash.

The two were headed to High Level to fix an electrical generator. MacKinnon is an engineer with Wermack Electric 1994 Ltd. and

Smith is a technician.

Sgt. Ron Platz of the Didsbury RCMP detachment told reporters at the crash site that an investigation would be conducted by Transport Canada.

## TOWN Hospital looks for mealtime volunteers

by Richard Westlund

The Didsbury Hospital is looking for help in serving meals to its residents.

Mealtime hosts are being sought to help serve food during mealtime to residents in four of the units of the hospital.

Dawna Faryna, volunteer coordinator at the Didsbury Hospital said that having community members serve food to residents adds a personal touch to mealtime - something the nurses don't always have time to do.

It also frees up the nurses so they can spend more time with those who need extra help.

"It absolutely assists with their social being," said Faryna. "The residents really enjoy having someone to talk with."

Faryna said the ideal candidates for the volunteer positions is that they have excellent communication skills, are able to work in a team environment and are willing to learn and share experiences.

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## NEWS



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Dayna Hadway gives her dad's (Tom Hadway) black Simmental bull a little affection while they are on display at the first annual Bull Congress in Olds, Feb. 9. The Hadway's farm, West Way Farms, is located east of Didsbury. He took part in the event to promote his cattle sale next month. "Olds did a terrific job of putting this together," said Hadway. "This is an awesome opportunity for local cattle breeders to promote their product." The Olds Ag Society hosted the event and has judged it a success saying they would like this to be an annual event. 180 head were on display.

## Winter Festival returns to Didsbury

by Richard Westlund

After being on a hiatus for many years the Town of Didsbury is making an attempt at bringing back a winter festival.

Winter Festival will be a part of Family Day celebrations and will take place Feb. 18 on Family Day.

"We really wanted to try and bring this back," said Community Programmer Alana Hagel. "It is an event that would be very family oriented and beneficial to the community."

For reasons unknown the event ceased being. We are organizing it and bringing it back. Our aim is to provide community events and with this we are one step closer."

Hagel, who has been extremely busy trying to put the event together, said the first year will act as an introductory year and that she hopes the initiative can be built to a full-scale event to remember in a few years time.

Because of the short time lines the shape and scope of the event will depend on what is able to be arranged before the Family Day long weekend arrives.

What is confirmed is the location of the event. The Kinsmen Park, which has an outdoor skating rink, was deemed to be a good choice for that

reason. The ice may be expanded for that day but that decision will be made as the event draws nearer.

Hagel is also inquiring about other winter-oriented entertainment such as snowboard demonstrations, ice sculptures, a hockey challenge, free swim and a snowman building contest. She is encouraging people to grab their toboggans as the Butte

will fit into the picture of Winter Festival. Hagel is also hoping to have a breakfast prepared to kick off the day.

This year the bulk of the organizing has and will be done by the Town. Hagel hopes, however, that after time the business community and service organizations come on board to make the event bigger than it will be this year.

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## TEACHER CONTRACTS

## School board and teachers will start talks again

by Dan Singleton

A strike by more than 600 teachers in Chinook's Edge school division continues this week, leaving thousands of students from Grade 1 through 12 locked out of classrooms.

As expected, more than 400 support staff in Chinook's Edge school were laid off Wednesday afternoon, officials confirmed. Among those let go were 287 teachers aides, 32 tech supports (library and computer), and dozens of caretakers.

The workers had been kept on staff for three days after the strike began.

The workers are expected to be rehired once the strike is over.

One secretary and one caretaker have been kept on staff at each of the division's 38 schools.

Teachers in the division began a strike at 12 a.m. on Feb. 4. The educators were locked out of schools in the division two minutes later.

More than 11,000 students in the division are affected by the strike action.

A public information meeting for parents and other interested parties is scheduled for Tuesday evening at the Olds College's Duncan Marshall Place, 4500 - 50 Street.

Last Thursday the provincially-appointed mediator was asked to schedule further talks. The date of the new talks was not known at press time.

Eight previous meetings between the sides since last fall have failed to bring about an agreement. With the strike now in its second week, the union would consider an offer similar to that agreed upon by teachers in the Black Gold and Red Deer divisions last week, said ATA local #17 president Bob Worsfold.

Those agreements called for wage increases of 11.5 per cent over one year.

"We have three agreements out there that are approved by the ATA," Worsfold said. "We think our board has the means to do a compatible settlement. If we could get something compatible I think we would be able to get our teachers to accept it."

"If the board made us an offer that was compatible to those I'm sure we would have a serious look at it." The board has approximately \$3 million in surpluses available, plus \$1.5 million in the teacher salary enhancement account, the four per cent given to the board by the province, Chinook's Edge treasurer Susan Roy confirmed Friday.

In a letter to parents and the media released by the Chinook's Edge on Friday, the board said it would cost the board about \$2.8 million to give Chinook's Edge teachers an 11.5 per cent increase.

"Chinook's Edge cannot afford to offer that much of an increase, and that is where the dilemma lies," said board chairman Roy Brassard. "We don't want the strike to continue, because it is not what's best for students."

However, if Chinook's Edge looked towards an agreement similar to one already signed by a few Alberta boards, it would leave our board account empty.

"By meeting an 11.5 per cent increase to teachers salaries this year, we would have no way of addressing teachers salaries next year. To be able to meet such an agreement, we would have to layoff support staff and cut into programs. A successful settlement must be affordable and sustainable."

In a second press release on Feb. 8, Brassard added, "We have not seen any significant changes to the ATA's proposal to Chinook's Edge, which is well beyond our ability to address, and we haven't had an ATA response regarding the Board's proposal to the ATA."

ATA local #17 negotiating subcommittee member Terry Leslie said the board should use its surplus to end the strike.

"You can't claim welfare when you have a massive savings account," said Leslie.

Meanwhile, regarding the possibility of further mediated talks, the following notice was posted on the Chinook's Edge website on Feb. 7: "The board is staying in regular contact with the mediator who has been appointed to Chinook's Edge, in the hopes of finding some common ground." When asked which party requested the mediator be brought in, board negotiator and trustee Jackie Swainson said, "It was by mutual agreement."

Worsfold said that's not true.

"We approached the board and said let's get back," said Worsfold. "It didn't look like they were going to do anything. We are asking the mediator to get us together as soon as possible."

Many other divisions in the province have also been hit by strike action, with others expected to join the labour action this week. In all, more than 200,000 students are currently out of classes.

Education Minister Lyle Oberg and Premier Ralph Klein both said this week that teachers can expect no more than the six per cent wage increase offered by the province.

"There is enough money already available to boards to make Alberta's teachers the highest paid on average in the country," said Oberg. "This situation benefits no one. Strikes are bad for students, they're bad for parents and they're bad for teachers."

"I encourage school board and teachers to keep the lines of communication open. Settlements are only pos-

sible when bargaining is conducted in earnest."

Sundre-area and cabinet minister Ty Lund echoed Oberg's comments, saying the boards and teachers will have to come to a settlement without government intervention.

"There will be no more money," Lund said Wednesday. "We're not part of it. There is no more one time spending left."

Asked if he would support bringing in legislation to force teachers back to classes, Lund replied, "We're hoping that it wouldn't come to that."

The government does not have a set number of days after which it would consider the strike a provincial emergency, he said. Liberal Opposition leader Ken Nicol said the province alone has the means to end the strike.

"The responsibility for this strike falls squarely on the shoulders of the Klein government," said Nicol. "Albertans have said over and over again that education is a top priority. The premier claimed 'There is no more money' to resolve the teachers strike. The problem is school boards simply don't have the resources to reach successful settlements."

ATA president Larry Boo said Premier Klein's two week trip to Europe and Asia, which started last week, has enraged teachers.

"At a time when the premier should be providing solutions, he is on the other side of the world making the situation much worse. It's almost as if the premier is deliberately trying to antagonize teachers," said Boo.

The ATA announced Friday that teachers not now on strike will be levied an additional \$40 per month to support their striking colleagues.

The decision reflects the expressed desire of teacher locals that have either settled contracts or are currently in negotiations to stand united with their striking colleagues', said Boo.

"Teachers feel strongly that their counterparts who are on strike are acting in the interests of the whole profession and of public education in general," he said.

Meanwhile, the 12,000 member Health Sciences Association of Alberta has come out in support of the teachers.

"The offer of a six per cent salary increase over two years falls far short of what is fair especially in light of increases to MLAs, doctors, nurses, and other government workers," said HSAA president Elizabeth Ballermann. "The government has made it virtually impossible for most school boards to bargain by refusing to increase funding for teacher salaries. Just as in health care, inadequate wage increases will do nothing to retain and recruit professionals."



Olympic spirit ...

photo by Richard Westlund

Seniors living in the long-term care facility at the Didsbury Hospital play a game of floor hockey with volunteers and staff. To help celebrate the Olympics, a wide variety of events have been planned at the facility.

# OPINIONS

# EDITORIAL

## Olympic Spirit



**RICHARD WESTLUND**  
EDITORIAL

The Olympics have snuck up on us and once again Canadians will be glued to their television sets rooting on the Olympic athletes from their living rooms.

Some are excited to watch the competition and are satisfied with the spirit of the games. And there are those who will be upset at the end of the Games because once again Canada did not meet or exceed its potential at the Games.

A talk show host on a sports show broadcast from Calgary said the other day that we as Canadians "celebrate mediocrity" and that we should not be satisfied as a nation unless we win gold medals or at least get on the podium.

While it is exciting to watch a Canadian stand among the best in the world on top of a podium, we can only expect from our athletes what we put into them.

Hockey is common place in Canada and expectations for a medal are perhaps justifiably high. We take the sport to heart, enrol our kids in it and as a result have high expectations for the Canadian hockey teams at the Salt Lake Games.

But do we need to expect that Canada is in a position to win a medal in every sport? It is unlikely that will ever happen. There are some cross-country enthusiasts in Canada, but in some European countries it is a way of life - a cultural form of transportation. The expectations should be high in those countries and perhaps not with the athletes from Canada.

What we can expect from our athletes is that they represent our nation in a proud manner - that they are proud of where they come from and act accordingly.

Some of the best Olympic stories have little to do with medals but with the Olympic spirit. Eddie the Eagle made a huge statement at the Calgary games. He finished in last place but will be remembered always as someone who represented their country in a proud manner. The Jamaican bobsled team did the same thing.

Go Canada Go. Whether you finish first or 51st, represent us well.

## Wonderings of the heart

### "Love"

by Margaret Fradley

Often when we think about Valentines Day, our thoughts turn to love. Perhaps this is a good time for a little experiment.

Have we ever thought of making a list of how we would like to be treated by others? How would it read? Perhaps having them respect us; being willing to have a listening ear; loving us unconditionally; being sensitive to when we need a word of encouragement or a pat on the back. The list could go on and on.

However, now that we have completed our list, we may suddenly realize, yes, this is the way, others would like to be treated by us. They too would love to be loved unconditionally; to be respected; cared about and encouraged, and visited when the were lonely or ill.

This kind of experiment might prove both interesting and beneficial as we come to understand, especially in the age of busyness, how much we need one another, how much we need their love and ministry of tender, loving care.

Hopefully, this leaves us with a desire in our hearts, and with a challenge to be to others what we would like them to be to us.



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## Report from the Legislature

submitted by the office of  
**MLA Richard Marz**  
Labour Disruptions in  
Alberta Schools

As of Monday, February 4, teachers in 17 jurisdictions across the province are either on strike or locked out. This means that over 229,000 students are out of school, a situation that benefits no one. Strikes are bad for students, they're bad for parents, and they're bad for teachers. Our government encourages school boards and teachers to keep the lines of communication open. Settlements are possible only when bargaining is conducted in earnest.

Although the government cannot be directly involved in negotiations, it is important that we be clear with all Albertans on the following points:

First, funding for the Kindergarten to Grade 12 system increased by \$245 million this year alone. There is already enough money available to boards to make Alberta's teachers the highest paid, on average, in the country. Secondly, there will be no further funding to school boards this year. Negotiations with teachers are a local board responsibility and will have to be achieved with the resources available. Thirdly, I'd like to note that the Learning Minister's offer to help avert a strike by assuming the entire unfunded liability of the teachers pension plan was not ac-

cepted by the Alberta Teachers Association. This offer would have given teachers an immediate 3 percent increase in their take-home pay. Since a strike has obviously not been averted, the Minister has informed the Alberta Teachers' Association that this offer is now completely null and void. As a final point, in the interest of accountability and accuracy, PwC Consulting, a business of PricewaterhouseCoopers, has independently reviewed all the government's information and can attest to its accuracy.

The information we shared in newspapers this weekend is fully accurate. Reiterating the national data, including the Statistics Canada data the Canadian Teachers Federation uses as the basis of its information, indicates that Alberta will have no problem meeting overall future demands for teachers.

It is true that our population is growing above the national average, but it is also true that the number of Albertans in the key 4-18 age bracket is expected to decline as children of the "baby bust" begin to enter the K-12 system. Again, this information has been independently verified.

We know that this is an uncertain and frustrating time for parents and students, and we share their concerns and their hope for a speedy resolution. Again, we strongly encourage school boards and teachers to bargain in earnest.

### Dozens of Strategies Emerge as Future Summit Concludes

Interconnecting strategies for shaping the future of the province concluded two days of brainstorming in Red Deer at the Alberta Future Summit 2002. The 258 Delegates to the Summit reported back with a broad range of ideas on vision and values. Seven themes were identified to find concrete strategies to pave a path toward the visions. The seven theme areas were: Economy, Learning, Communities, Fiscal Responsibility, Governance, Health and Wellness, and Environment. The themes emerged from the Future Summit public consultation held this past fall.

Dozens of strategies were discussed and will be compiled to develop a Report and recommendations that will be presented to the Alberta Government by the end of April 2002.

Some of the strategies discussed included: focusing on personal wellness issues as a priority; focusing on prevention rather than caring for the sick; improving communication between government and its citizens; providing greater diversity in learning models to reach a broader range of learning skills; smoothing expenditures over commodity price cycles; establishing a state of the environment document; forming partnerships in research and technology with commercial development.

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# FROM THE MAILBAG

## "We are doing all we can do" writes board chair

Dear Editor,

I am writing to Chinook's Edge parents today, to give an update on labour negotiations and to discuss our situation in Chinook's Edge. The Board of Chinook's Edge School Division knows the strike we are now experiencing is a difficult and frustrating disruption for everyone who is involved, including students, parents and staff alike. On behalf of the Board, I'd like to express our regret for the disruption, and to assure you of our commitment to work to find a solution.

We are doing all we can, to find some way of coming to a local agreement that would get our teachers and students back into their classroom. First, we are staying in regular contact with the mediator who has been appointed to Chinook's Edge, in the hopes of finding some common ground. Second, we ourselves, are continuing to look for points that will bring representatives of the Alberta Teachers' Association and the Board closer together.

While we look for common ground, our Board faces a dilemma. We could try to obtain a settlement similar to ones reached by neighboring Alberta school boards, or we can work for something more within our financial reach.

An effort to give you a clear picture of what we're faced with, I'd like to back up for a moment. The ATA's last proposal asked for a 19% increase to teachers' salaries over one year. That increase would cost Chinook's Edge more than \$6.8 million dollars (Chinook's Edge proposed a 4% increase this year and 2% next year. A 4% increase this year would cost \$1.4 million dollars.) Beyond the cost to teachers' salaries, there are other clauses in the ATA's written proposal that come

with a price tag. The cost of those, plus the salary increases, would total more than \$14 million, which is well beyond our ability to meet.

At August 31, 2001, we had a surplus of approximately \$6 million dollars. Schools and the Board have spent \$3 million during this school year. Let me identify where these dollars were spent. We hired 28 new teachers this year, in a move to address classroom sizes, even though student enrolment declined. Another investment the Board made, was to launch a division wide math program. It also allocated funds to assist small high schools in providing a comprehensive high school program, as well as to purchase resources and update programs for school libraries. The Board also budgeted for increased energy costs, because the provincial grants it received last year will not be continued this year. Now, of the remaining surplus amount, \$2 million is in school accounts. These dollars are intended to address classroom conditions, equipment and resource needs, and professional development at the school level. In reality, there is slightly more than \$1 million surplus money that remains available to the Board. That represents a small percentage of our annual budget amount of \$80 million dollars.

We have been asked if we might consider something similar to settlement reached by neighbouring Alberta school boards. Such contract settlements included an 11.5% increase to teachers' salaries. A similar 11.5% increase in Chinook's Edge would cost approximately \$2.8 million this year, and to sustain into the next school year it would cost an additional \$4 million.

Other school boards have also included mandates to lower elementary class sizes to 17 students per class. A clause in Chinook's Edge, reducing elementary classes from an average of 22.8 students per class to 17 students per class, would cost approximately \$4.6 million. That brings the minimum cost of meeting a similar proposal, again, well beyond our ability to meet.

Chinook's Edge cannot afford to offer that much of an increase, and that is where the dilemma lies. We don't want the strike to continue, because it is not what's best for students. However, if Chinook's Edge looked towards an agreement similar to ones already signed by a few Alberta boards, it would leave our bank accounts empty. We could address the salary portion of the request for this year only, but in doing so, we would drain all of our resources. We believe this would be an irresponsible decision.

It would be irresponsible because we must have money available to address uncertainties that arise, such as increased energy costs or insurance rates. However, the most important fact that makes this decision so irresponsible, is that by meeting an 11.5% increase to teachers' salaries this year, we would have no way of addressing teachers' salaries next year. To be able to meet such an agreement, we would have to layoff support staff and cut into programs. We don't think this is

an acceptable solution, because it would drastically impact our ability to provide quality education to our students. The consequences of accepting a similar solution to settlements reached in neighboring jurisdictions are too great.

The provincial government has starkly warned that there is "no more money". We are interpreting this literally, and assume that we are responsible to fulfill contract agreements that we make. It would be fiscally irresponsible to plan to spend money that we do not have. We all want to see students and teachers back in the classroom, because we know that's best for students. But we ask ourselves, how is that currently possible, when the price tag is so high?

As Chinook's Edge School Board members have grappled with this dilemma, we have kept our criteria for a successful settlement in the forefront of each meeting, conversation and negotiation session.

A successful settlement must be affordable and sustainable. It must also, and most importantly, put "student's first". That means that any agreement must not put Chinook's Edge in the position of making cuts to student programs or services, or laying-off support staff who work with our students.

We value our teachers. Their contribution to the lives of our students is tremendous. We want to see them compensated fairly. We know that you want them back in the classroom with your children. Be assured that's what we want too. You have my promise, and the promise of my fellow Board members that we are doing our very best to reach this goal as soon as we can.

Thank you for your patience at this challenging time.

**Sincerely**  
**Roy Brassard**  
**Board Chair**  
**Chinook's Edge School**  
**Division No.73**

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Robert Wigg - Development Officer.

## FROM THE MAILBAG

### If teachers get more someone will have to take less

Dear Editor,

Could a few more thoughts be added to the controversy concerning the teachers' strike?

To begin, I have known a number of very good and dedicated people within the teaching profession; better people you could not wish to meet. Unfortunately, the unions have caused a change in attitudes; they have a way of isolating their members from reality and from non-unionized society in general. People in various lines of work have commented that strikes cause bitterness and ugly feelings, even within the membership of a union, destroying the good fellowship that once existed.

There is another inescapable fact that all of us should recognize. Our so-called civilization is very definitely and rapidly deteriorating which affects and costs all of us in many different ways. Even the people in ivory towers cannot forever remain unscathed. Although this sin cursed planet has had plenty of trouble ever since Satan entered the picture, it must be admitted that in today's society, everything that is wicked and costly is snowballing - worse and more of it every year, and some of these very costly problems were unheard of until recently. I have a niece who is a teacher and for several years she taught a class of children that included several with fetal alcohol brain damage who caused her much frustration and stress.

But demanding higher salaries will not really improve anything; it will only make things worse, increasing disparities. It's simple arithmetic - when some get more, others must take less. The provincial government does not have a bottomless barrel. It gets its revenue mainly from the fluctuating oil industry and the lowly taxpayer. If overworked teachers would take less, more people could be hired to relieve their stress and everybody would be better off, including students.

As mentioned before, the troubles of this country, and the world, are snowballing and putting un-

bearable stress on society's systems, including medicine, education, social services, the justice system, roads and utilities, insurance agencies, etc., etc. And our hopelessly indebted federal government sends great sums of money for calamities in other countries, the latest being war ravaged Afghanistan. The more trouble there is, the more taxes and the more bankruptcies.

More than money, what is needed is a change of heart. We need to look around and see what's happening to other people who also supply essential services and goods. These unsung souls would be terribly missed if they quit on the job. Many of them have large investments of money, work and study in their various enterprises. Many of them do difficult, dirty and dangerous work in all sorts of weather and at all hours. There is the highly skilled repair men who keep utilities and other essentials running, the truckers putting in long hours under nerve-wracking conditions, the oil workers who travel to far and remote places, the merchants, who in a recession, wonder how they're going to cover their costs. And consider that vanishing species, the farmer, the least appreciated and usually the lowest paid of them all, and yet he supplies one of humanities, absolute essentials. He must cope with all sorts of hazards including competing with subsidized farmers in other countries. Because of last summer's drought, many cattlemen had to sell half their herds for want of feed, and many grain farmers got no crop at all. The cost of inputs has increased so much that more of them will be squeezed out of business completely. Now we are told that abnormal ocean currents will again drastically affect weather, and another, and even worse, drought is predicted for this year. After a severe drought it takes two or three normal years to recharge ground water.

The Bible foretells a time of trouble such as never was and the whole world appears to be entering

that now. Accidents and environmental disasters can be terrible indeed, but human attitudes and behaviors can be even more frightening. This brief life is really a learning and testing experience. Maybe we should start appreciating our fellow men and thinking about the really important matters of life, death and eternity.

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# Lifestyles

Features • Community Clubs • Religion • Local Personalities

by Richard Westlund

For 15 local youths from Didsbury and Olds their trip to Quebec is expected to be a cultural experience and more.

The Mountain View and Padnoma Duke of Edinburgh group will be sending some of its members to inner-city Montreal at the end of March as part of a youth exchange. Returning the favour will be 15 Quebec youths who will arrive in the area on May 11.

"It's to promote Canadian Youth cross-cultural experiences," said Brina Goyette, a 16-year-old Olds student adding that the exchange is sponsored by the YMCA Youth Exchange.

Julia Pochapsky, 15, from Didsbury said the exchanges revolve around three elements - geography, economics and culture.

For the most part the local participants on the exchange are unsure of what to expect on their trip to Quebec. They do know what the Quebec participants will be exposed to when they arrive in the area.

## Exchange program excites local youth group

pants will be exposed when they arrive in the area.

Oil and agriculture will be the focus of the economic criteria of the trip and trips to the badlands by Drumheller and the Rockies will meet the geography requirement.

A trip to West Edmonton Mall has been requested by some of the students in Quebec.

In order to make the trips possible the two groups which are provinces apart fundraise for the others to come over for the visit. Locally teenagers have been writing letters to businesses and organizations asking for funds. They will also embark on a pizza-selling initiative to try raise funds.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a voluntary, noncompetitive programme of practical, cultural and adventurous activities, designed to support the personal and social development of young people aged 14-25, regardless of gender, background or ability. It offers an individual challenge and encourages young people to undertake exciting, constructive, challenging and enjoyable activities in their free time.

The youth exchange program which the group will embark on is for those 14 to 18-year-old.

Award Groups are run by adults, many of whom are volunteers, including youth workers, teachers, employers, trainers, Instructors, Assessors and individuals from the community, all of whom are keen to share their skills, enthusiasm and organizing abilities to help young people reach their potential.

Nicole Adamchick, Brittney Hopaluk, Julia Pochapsky, Brina Goyette, Laura Popapsky, Danielle Adamchick, Catriona Richmond, Jennifer Wilshusen, Melissa Hopaluk, Andy Howard, Ashley Howard, Brianna Byiers, Leya Johnson, Andrew Stranquist and Meghan Naglis are the members that will be participating in the exchange to Quebec.

- with files from the Duke of Edinburgh website.



photo by Richard Westlund

Fifteen youth from Didsbury and Olds are set to embark on a trip of a lifetime to Quebec. Following their adventure 15 youths from Quebec will visit the Didsbury area.

## LIFESTYLES

**Focus on the Family**

**QUESTION:** Is there a way that I as a father can influence my daughter's attitude toward boys? If she chooses to marry, she will need to understand men and know how to relate to them. Is that something I should be thinking about?

**DR. DOBSON:** You bet it is. Long before a girl finds her first real boyfriend or falls in love, her attitude toward men has been shaped quietly by her father. Why?

Because the father-daughter relationship sets the stage for all future romantic involvements. If a young woman's father rejects her, she'll spend her life trying to find a man who can meet the needs he never fulfilled in her heart. If he's warm and nurturing, she'll look for a lover to equal him.

If he thinks she's beautiful and feminine, she'll be inclined to see herself that way.

But if he rejects her as unattractive and uninteresting, she's likely to carry self-image problems into her adult years. It's also true that a woman's relationship with her husband is significantly influenced by the way she perceived her father's authority.

If he was overbearing or capricious during her earlier years, she may precipitate power struggles with her husband throughout married life.

But if Dad blended love and discipline in a way that conveyed strength, she may be more comfortable with a give-and-take marriage characterized by mutual respect. So much of what goes into marriage starts with the bride's father.

That's why it behooves those of us with daughters to give our best effort to raising them properly. You are right to be thinking about that vital relationship.

**QUESTION:** I am a grandmother who is blessed to have 14 grandchildren. I often take care of them and love just having them over. However, I would like to do more for them than just baby-sit. What can I do to really make an impact on their lives?

**DR. DOBSON:** Grandparents can have a powerful influence on their grandchildren if they will take the time to invest in their lives.

There is so much to be accomplished while they are young. One great contribution you can make is to preserve the heritage of your family by describing its history to your grandchildren and acquainting them with their ancestors.

The lyrics of an African folk song say that when an old person dies, it's as if a library has burned down. It is true. There's a richness of history in your memory of earlier days that will be lost if it isn't passed on to the next generation.

To preserve this heritage, you should tell them true stories of days gone by. Share your faith, your early family experiences, the obstacles you overcame or the failures you suffered.

Those recollections bring a family together and give it a sense of identity. My great-grandmother, Nanny, helped raise me from babyhood.

She was already old when I was born and lived to be nearly 100 years old. I loved for her to tell me tales about her early life on the frontier.

A favorite story involved mountain lions that would prowl around her log cabin at night and attack the livestock. She could hear them growling and moving past her window as she lay in bed.

Nanny's father would try to shoot the cats or chase them away before they killed a pig or a goat. I sat fascinated as this sweet lady described a world that had long vanished by the time I came on the scene. Her accounts of plains life helped open me to a love of history, a subject which fascinates me to this day.

The stories of your past, of your childhood, of your courtship with their grandfather, etc., can be treasures to your grandchildren.

Unless you share those experiences with them, that part of their history will be gone forever.

Take the time to make "yesterday" come alive for the kids in your family, and by all means, pass your faith along to the next generation.

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# LIFESTYLES

## LIBRARY NEWS

# Didsbury Library says goodbye to tireless employee

It's that time of year again! Are looking for some unbiased advice on RRSP's? Check out Gordon Pape's 2002 Buyer's Guide to RRSP's or get help on mutual funds from Mr. Pape or Mr. Chand's Top 50 Mutual Funds.

Also new to our collection is the latest Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul on Tough Stuff, stories of tough times and lessons learned. The next step in personal evolution is here: James Redfield's God and the Evolving Universe. Author of the Celestine Prophecy together with Michael Murphy present an important message of hope and vision for the future in a work wracked by fearful violence and conflict. Another important work just donated to us by the Ukrainian Canadians Civil Liberties Association is In Fear of the Barbed Wire Fence Canada's first international internment operation and the Ukrainian

Canadians by Lubomyr Luciak.

Anne McCaffery fans will be glad to see her newest: Acorna's Search. And if you are in need of a chuckle more than serious thought in these serious times, check out Didn't My Skin Used to Fit by Martha Bolton.

It is time to say farewell to Bjay Munoz. Bjay has spent the last three months at the Didsbury Library as a CAP Intern. CAP is the federal government Community Access Program, an initiative to connect Canadians and improve computer literacy.

We will all miss not only his skills and expertise, but also his patience and good-natured sense of humour.

Bjay worked tirelessly to enhance and improve the Library's local area network of four (now five) public access computers and two staff workstations. As well, he proved to be a skilled mentor

to many, as they learned to navigate the information highway.

The rest of the library staff will endeavor to provide on the spot direction and support for our new computer users, but we fear we will not be able to provide the same level of comprehensive instruction. To attempt to deal with our "loss", library staff would like to implement a volunteer mentorship program.

If you are knowledgeable about computers, word processing applications, email or surfing the Internet and can spare one hour a week, please speak with Inez.

Your help would be most welcome. But for now, goodbye Bjay, we all wish you the best and know that you will be successful in your future endeavors!

Don't forget we are now open Thursdays as well as Wednesdays until 8 pm for your convenience.

## SMOKE FREE HOMES

## HA5 committee announces photo contest promoting non-smoking

The Health Authority 5 Tobacco Reduction Committee has announced a new contest to coincide with the 2002 Smoke-Free Home Contest.

The Second-hand Smoke Photo Contest is designed to educate the public on the hazards of second-hand smoke and encourage residents of the region to maintain smoke-free homes.

A Smoke-Free home is defined as one where smoking is not permitted in any area of the residence.

For this contest, residents of the region who reside in

Smoke-Free homes are encouraged to submit photos of their child, aged 3 and under, for use on an anti-tobacco poster. The region-wide poster that will be unveiled on World No-Tobacco Day, May 31.

The grand prize in the Second-hand Smoke Photo Con-

test will be \$500 towards the winning child's Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP).

Residents of the region may enter the contest by submitting a photo of their child to their local Public Health office. The Second-hand Smoke Photo Contest will close on April 15.

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## AROUND THE CIRCLE

# Last home game for Colts played Feb. 16 in Didsbury

by Marge St. Clair

## Wed. Feb. 13

The Didsbury & District Historical Society will hold the monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Museum.

## Thurs. Feb. 14

The Didsbury District Health Services Auxiliary Annual Meeting is being held at the 5-0 Centre at 2:00 p.m.

## Sat. Feb. 16

This is the last at home scheduled game for the Mountain View Colts hockey team. They will play against Medicine Hat at the Didsbury Arena at 8:00 p.m. Your support will be duly appreciated.

## Sat. Feb. 16

Take the family and enjoy the evening at the Lone Pine Hall starting at 5:00 p.m. with freebies, dancing and lots of prizes. All proceeds will be donated to S.T.A.R.S.

## Sat. Feb. 16

Please phone Stuart 335-4069 or Colleen 335-8950 to reserve your tickets at the Westcott Community Hall for the new comedy "Lie, Cheat and Genuflect" being staged by Theatre Didsbury.

## Sun. Feb. 17

"Push Broom Curling" - are you wondering what it is? Come to the Didsbury Curling Rink at 9:00 a.m., our first ever push broom bonspiel is being held.

## Mon. Feb. 18

The 5-0 Club Annual meeting is being held at the 5-0 Centre at 1:00 p.m. Election of officers will be held. All members please try to attend.

## Mon. Feb. 18

The General meeting of the Didsbury & District Light Horse Club is being held in the Hogline Room at the Curling Rink at 7:30 p.m. More Info by phoning 335-4202. Everyone welcome.

## Thurs. Feb. 21

The Annual Meeting of the Mountain View Credit Union is being held at the Didsbury Memorial Complex Multi Purpose Room with registration at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., entertainment 7:30 p.m. and the Annual meeting at 8:00 p.m., tickets at all branches.

## Thurs., Feb. 21

Didsbury Municipal Library Brown Bag Theatre at 12:00 noon sharp. Discovering Sweden - Marvel at Lapland mountain wilderness where reindeer roam wild. Take a delightful cruise through the heartland on the Gota Canal.

## Sat. Feb. 23

Cribbage at the Elks Hall, play starts at 7:30 p.m. Please phone Jim or Sharon at 335-3481 to register and for more details.



photo by Richard Westlund

## Human curling ...

The Red Eye Bonspiel was a big hit among local curling enthusiasts as the local arena was kept hopping all night long. After teams finished their games they participated in human curling - which involved heaving a teammate down the ice on a sled.

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## LIFESTYLES

## WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

## Weight Watcher's meetings open in Carstairs

by Liz deGoesbriand

In September 1961 a frustrated overweight woman turned to her friends and associates with the hopes of helping herself and people she knew struggling to lose weight, overcame the problem. Forty-one years later she is the influence that paved the way for Weight Watchers to become the number one leading weight loss organization in the world.

Jean Nidetch was a woman struggling to lose about 70 extra pounds, after seeking the help of doctors and coming up disheartened when there was no guided answers as to how she was to go about losing weight. Jean turned to her friends.

Calling about six women she knew that were struggling with the same weight loss problems, she organized a weekly meeting to be held in the basement of her Queen's New York home. The group would meet weekly and hash out their struggles with losing weight and devise new plans on how they, as a group were going to shed their extra pounds while maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The group continued to grow and the word got out that there was an organization developing to help any member of society to

lose weight and keep it off without sacrificing their health.

In May of 1963, Weight Watchers became incorporated and four hundred people anxiously awaited for this landmark milestone to happen.

Although Nidetch is no longer associated with Weight Watcher's she still maintains the loss of her seventy pounds. Today Weight Watchers is a publicly held corporation with over one million people attending weekly meetings worldwide. Consisting of a Board of doctors and nutritionists, Weight Watcher's is continually developing and changing it's plans. With the constant change in nutritional information it is imperative that the plans be revised.

Weight Watcher's theory is "something you can do for the rest of your life". Ester Gryschuk, Special Services Manager for Weight Watchers

states that the plan is simply common sense and eating healthy, it is not about the word "diet" which is actually the word "die" with a "t" in it.

It is not about eating only cottage cheese and soup, it is about eating healthy and a plan you can incorporate for just yourself or for your family, you can incorporate it at home, at the office or eating in a restaurant. The Points Weight Loss System is the foundation of Winning Points, a plan where every food is given a Points value based on its calorie, fat, and fiber content. Based on your current weight, you'll choose your meals to stay within a daily points range. As well the Points Activity System assigns a Points value to physical activity based on your current weight, the number of minutes the activity is done and the level of intensity. Activity Points can be swapped for additional food Points.

On Tuesday February 26, Carstairs will be hosting its first meeting of Weight Watchers to be held at the Church of God, weigh-in is at 6:15 and the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Donna Aarsby, Group Leader for Carstairs is very excited about this opportunity, "Carstairs is in need of this organization", states Aarsby. The reason for Carstairs hosting weekly meetings was due to the fact that there were a number of Carstairs residents traveling to Airdrie for the weekly meetings. A handful of these residents approached Weight Watchers about hosting meetings in Carstairs, they were told yes, they could, but there had to be twenty five people committed to a twelve week program, before the program could be brought here. With five days to recruit twenty five people, the group was not sure whether or not it would happen, but by staying positive and having the Weight

Watcher's name behind them, the group recruited thirty one people, who are pre-registered for the twelve week plan. Aarsby states that of course there is room for many more, who ever is interested is welcome to come out.

There is a fee for the weekly meetings, with that fee comes; assistance in determining a weight goal that is appropriate for you; one copy of the Weight Watchers program materials according to the current distribution schedule; weekly updating of your membership book with your current weight and attendance; awards that recognize your weight loss achievements and a support meeting that will help to increase your knowledge; have role models to follow; share your challenges and celebrate your successes.

For further information on Weight Watchers in Carstairs please contact Donna Aarsby at 337-2819.

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# Faces

*a brief glimpse at people and events in our community*  
Compiled by Shelley Broksma

## Making learning fun for kids is the goal of local women



Debbie Brazzale

Why is the sky blue? How do birds fly? What's under the sea? Where do babies come from?

These are just a few of the questions you're likely to hear before your children are grown. But while the questions may come easily, the answers are not always on the tip of a parent's tongue. To make matters worse, the clock is ticking...

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something else..."

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"They say that reading is the one single skill that allows a child to adopt all other skills. Reading is just so very important both for the child

and the parent," says Brazzale adding that Usborne has many reference books invaluable to parents interested in learning how to help teach their children learn about the world around us.

"There are just so many really good books that they offer. Anything from their Farmyard Readers which offer text designed for two different reading levels on every page, to the Internet Linked Books which inform the reader about informative internet sites on topics pertaining to that discussed in the book."

To help spread the word

about Usborne Books to families throughout Didsbury, Brazzale will be hosting an Open House on February 20th and 21st from 12 noon - 9:00 p.m. at her home located at 16 West Heights Crescent. "Come by and see our vast selection of books including those recently released in our spring line-up. There's over 900 titles to choose from and most books are priced under \$12.00, so most everyone can enjoy them without breaking the bank."

Further information on Usborne Books can be obtained by calling Brazzale at 335-3870.

## Unique curling event ready to take centre stage in Didsbury

Having a weak back, knees, or shoulder no longer has to mean the end to your days curling in bonspiels.

Thanks to an increasing trend to "Push Broom" curling, more and more participants are finding themselves back in action.

"It's a lot like shuffleboard on ice except that we play with six rocks each instead of four," explains long-time

curler and Push Broom Bonspiel Co-organizer, Carson Schultz.

The idea to host the 1st-ever bonspiel was introduced to the Didsbury Curling Club by avid curler, Howard Wood. "He was actually the one who got us going on this a while back.

"He saw it played like that elsewhere and thought it would be a good idea to see

how it would play out here..."

Schultz says that if registration in the upcoming Push Broom Bonspiel (February 17th) is any indication, the alternative curling style is definitely a go in Didsbury as well.

"The bonspiel is already full. The response has just been fantastic. There will be 16 two-man teams out on the ice....We're really looking for-

ward to a good time."

If anyone would like to come out and watch the 1st-ever Push Broom Bonspiel, the first draw will be at 9:00 a.m. with the event set to finish at approximately 4:00 p.m. Sponsors for the Bonspiel include: Subway Sandwiches, Alberta Treasury Branches, Mountain View Credit Union, Fas Gas Service, Didsbury, and RPM Automotive.



Carson Schultz

## Curtain rises at Westcott Community Hall on new play

Places everyone...the curtain is about to rise on another great evening at the Westcott Community Hall.

This Saturday, February 16th, audiences from the surrounding area will be entertained by Theatre Didsbury's latest production; "Lie, Cheat, and Genuflect". The cast is made up of Tony Sylvestre, Larry Kady, Rick Phillips, Tracie Skeet-Brook, Wanda Braybook, Sue Kary, Shawna Traub and Derek

Lewis. Community Hall Association Member, Stuart Klink, says if a similar event held last year is any indication, he wouldn't be surprised if the group plays to a full house.

"We've had a full house pretty much each year that we have had the Theatre Group down here," says Klinck. "I think it's always entertaining whenever you can come and see local people from your community acting in produc-

tions such as this. It seems like each year there's someone new to the Theatre Group too, so there's always something to look forward to as well..."

The Westcott Hall is situated just southwest of Didsbury. Tickets for "Lie, Cheat, and Genuflect" are \$15.00 each and include a light snack and refreshments at intermission. Call either Stuart Klink at 335-4069 or Colleen Wagner at 335-8950 to reserve

*"I think it's always entertaining whenever you can come and see local people from your community acting in productions such as this. It seems like each year there's someone new to the Theatre Group too, so there's always something to look forward to as well..."*

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Teamwork is critical in many situations the lifeguards need to deal with whether it is a rescue in a pool as seen above or finding a lost child during a public swim.



Lifeguards take turns playing the victim and rescuer as part of learning is knowing what to do in a critical situation.



Junior lifeguards listen to instructor Karen Burns-Lucas on the next scenario they will enact for the lifeguards to deal with.

## Learning to save lives ...

"Everybody out of the pool," yells lifeguard Aimee Hunter after three short blasts of her whistle.

Quickly the pool is cleared and a problem is investigated.

Hunter quickly explains the situation to those standing around

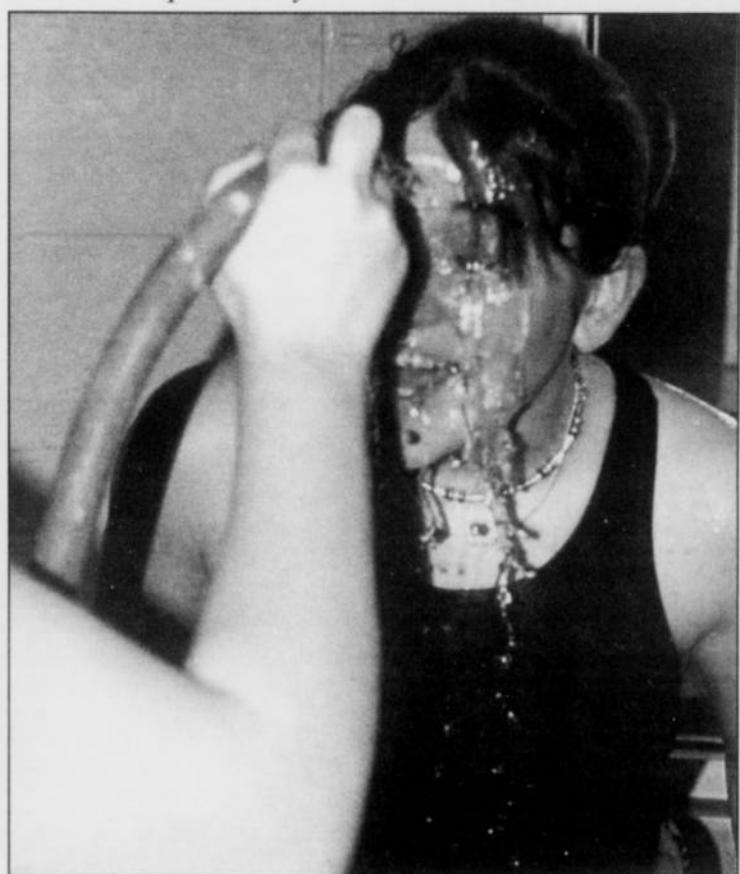
her and everything is quickly under control.

Last Friday morning the pool was closed to the public so that lifeguards and the junior counterparts could get some real life practice in dealing with special and unique situations - everything from making a rescue to

putting out a fire in a maintenance room.

The sessions is designed to do two things. One it gives current lifeguards a chance to hone their skills of a special situation. And second; it exposes junior lifeguards to the world of saving lives.

photos by Richard Westlund



Aimee Hunter plays a victim who has spilled chemical in her eye.

# Business

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Dr. Donna Chaw's, Olds College Compost Technology Centre, science is creating a friendly future for land owners and oil companies.

## Composting contaminated land

by Carla Victor

Oil companies and landowners' visions for reclaiming contaminated soil are getting closer every day thanks to scientific approaches used at Olds College Composting Technology Centre.

Dr. Donna Chaw's recipe for compost is offering valuable alternatives to oil companies reclaiming land.

By using organic wastes such as manure or pulp sludge, which is never in short supply in Alberta, Chaw, lead scientist at Olds College Composting Technology Centre, is able to offer a compost alternative to throwing away contaminated soil.

Although the process is still in its beginning stages, Chaw sees a bright future for landfills and the environment.

It wasn't so long ago that the only option, when reclaiming oil wells, was to truck the soil to landfills. Top soil would replace the void which is a quick solution but not an appealing one because landfills will eventually run out of space.

Four years ago Chaw was approached by members of the petroleum industry to come up with a method of decontaminating soil.

Chaw, challenged and in-

trigued by the idea, began a series of experiments combining contaminated soil with organic waste compost called Bio-remediation.

"We knew the science was there and that composting could work, but on a practical level we weren't sure," said Chaw.

Depending on the level of contamination, Chaw found that with time, she was able to decontaminate the soil to acceptable levels and return it closer to its natural state.

Bio-remediation is becoming an environmental solution to oil companies available assets, said Rod Sander, Canadian Crude Separators. Canadian Crude Separators owns landfills including one in Rocky Mountain House.

Sander said oil companies working with his company are presented with options to clean their abandoned well sites and more and more they are choosing the environmentally friendly alternative. From Sander's point of view, Chaw's science is offering a brighter future for landfills.

It is early in the process of developing this method, but from a landfill owner's point of view, said Sander, "we are hoping to offer bio-remediation to most of our customers."

He said this process will make more space in landfills for material that cannot be reclaimed.

"We are offering it as a pilot project in Rocky Mountain House and we are hoping to give the client the options and let them decide on how to proceed."

He said there are a huge number of consultants out there using Bio-remediation and he has faith Chaw's method will become popular.

"Donna's (Chaw) process is based on scientific data. If you follow her recipe, in all likelihood you should be getting the results and potentially reusing the material for other purposes.

He said that most companies are considering the environmental side of things which is good for everyone involved.

Chaw is confident bio-remediation will become a popular choice for the petroleum industry with more commercialization of the technology. As a composter, Chaw feels this new partnership will create a larger market for her products which in turn is fantastic for the environment.

"It is such a waste to throw soil away," said Chaw. "I would really like to see us using that soil again."

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## BUSINESS

## GRANT

**OCCI receives funds for micro-processing facility**

The Olds College Centre for Innovation has received approval for a funding proposal to establish a micro-processing facility on the Olds College Campus. Once established, industry, researchers, faculty and students

### Bank of Montreal helps grow horticulture program

The Bank of Montreal, one of Canada's top five corporate donors, continues to show significant and generous support of horticultural programming at Olds College.

Five years ago the Bank of Montreal made a \$100,000 pledge, in partnership with Landscape Alberta Nursery Trades Association (LANTA), to build a 12,000 Square Foot Landscape Construction Pavilion at Olds College. The pavilion now provides a winter laboratory space for students to gain hands-on training in landscape construction, equipment handling, irrigation installation and arboriculture. As well, it has become a training and certification site for Canadian Certified Horticulture Technicians through the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association and has been used for industry training in the handling of agricultural equipment.

On January 30th, 2002 the final \$20,000 installment was made by Murray Hallworth, Senior Relationship Manager of the Bank of Montreal to Bob Wilson, VP Academic at Olds College and Doug Pearce, Executive Director of the Olds College Foundation.

This success story is continuing to grow, as fixture plans include an expansion of the Landscape Construction Pavilion and a link to existing greenhouses. There are also plans to add additional greenhouses, which have been identified in the College's long range development plan.

### Didsbury Ag. Society notes

by Marge St. Clair

1. The Farmer's Market License for 2002 will be renewed.
2. Sharon will get more info on safety courses from Health Authority #5.
3. The purchase of the land is completed.
4. The past year's activities were reviewed and because of the directors and members and volunteers all were successful ventures.
5. The Cattle Raffle prizes will include a trip for two to the N.F.R.
6. Farmers Christmas market date is set for Nov. 9/2002.
7. The Farmers Market will start May 8 and run until Sept. 11/02.
8. 2002 Rodeo Dates are set for Aug. 16, 17 & 18/02.
9. An information seminar on the Watershed Program is being looked into.

will have access to state of the art facilities in Alberta for applied research and development of new, high value-added products.

The Canada Foundation for Innovation announced the approval of OCCI's \$1 million funding request earlier today. The new facility will be established over a two-year period at a total cost of \$3.5 million, and will house a multitude of applied research and development projects to establish new products from crops. Projects involving applied agriculture, biotechnology, nutraceutical and functional food industries will be conducted at the site, which will provide access to specialized training for Olds College students.

"The micro-processing facility is unique in Alberta and we're pleased it will be housed at our campus," said Tom Thompson, President of Olds College. "Other funding partners for this facility were awaiting approval from the Canada Foundation for Innovation, and we're confident those partners will also be step-

ping forward. This will take Olds College and OCCI to a new level of advanced research and development initiatives."

The micro-processing facility will further the Alberta government's goal of expanding the value-added agriculture sector to \$20 billion by 2005. Reaching that goal will produce over 35,000 new jobs in the value-added agriculture production sector. With this level of impact on the Alberta economy, micro-processing is becoming an integral aspect of Olds College curriculum and the new facility will provide global opportunities for training right here on campus.

"An important activity within OCCI's mission is to establish collaboration with universities and research organizations developing new technologies for food processing, nutraceuticals and functional food industries," said Rick Tofani CEO of the innovation Centre. "This funding approval advances that mission enormously."

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# Action on Energy

A Progress Report from Alberta's Oil and Gas Industry



## Working together to resolve issues.

A lot of people have a stake in oil and gas development in Alberta.

That's why 50 groups across the province are actively analyzing issues that result from energy projects. Some groups – made up of local petroleum operators, citizens and regulators – are working together to resolve concerns ranging from company operations to health effects.

It's "synergy," meaning, their combined effort is greater than an individual one.

The Sundre Petroleum Operators Group (SPOG) is one such team focused on finding solutions. Dave Brown, a local farmer and member of SPOG, believes they are following a process that works.

"Synergy groups bring people together to learn about and understand each other," says Brown. "If there's a concern, it belongs to all stakeholders. Getting around the table is important because it gives us the opportunity to look at options and seek solutions for everyone involved."

The Sundre group follows a step-by-step process to resolve issues.

"Anyone can phone us if they have a problem," he adds, stating the request is then logged, and a kitchen table meeting is called.

Results of the get-together set the direction for the next steps.

"A synergy group that brings all the players to the table provides an option that we believe works best," says Brown.

Each community shapes the form of their synergy group to reflect their particular needs and issues.

The value these groups offer and their experiences will be the subject of a conference in Red Deer in February 2002. Members will come together for the first time to share ideas on how to work in partnership on local development issues.



Dave Brown, Sundre, Alberta



## Sour gas: Albertans' concerns get response.

In response to public concerns, a provincially appointed sour gas panel has put forward 87 recommendations to address sour gas development and public safety. Work on 46 of these recommendations is now under way.

### Sour gas improvements under way in 2001 include:

- Better emergency response planning
- More EUB inspections and audits
- Stronger public consultation requirements
- Highest priority response to sour gas complaints

During 2000, people in 22 communities were given the floor to speak their minds about sour gas.

Their issues, such as health and safety, were heard loud and clear by members of an independent sour gas panel that included representatives of the petroleum industry, the public at large and governments.

"The petroleum industry needed to listen to the people living near these operations," says Frank George, an industry representative who participated in the review. "The public needed to know that the industry and the regulator were ready to act."

The panel, set up by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB), responded by preparing a comprehensive plan with specific ways for industry to improve public safety. Work on the remaining 41 recommendations will be implemented over the next two years.



## Flaring in Alberta reduced by 38%. Industry surpasses flaring targets.



Roland Larouche, Chauvin, Alberta

In 1997 about 93 flares from nearby oil wells lit up the night sky around Chauvin, Alberta.

"It was so bright, you could drive some roads at night without your headlights," says former municipal councilor Roland Larouche.

Today, 82 of those lights are out. That's part of an effort that saw province-wide flaring levels reduced 38% between 1996 and 2000, far exceeding the 25% target originally set for 2001.

Companies flare to get rid of unusable gas and to ensure safety during emergencies or routine maintenance.

In 1998, the Clean Air Strategic Alliance (CASA) developed a framework for reducing and managing flaring in the province. CASA is a multi-stakeholder, non-profit association charged with developing an air quality approach for Albertans. It identified targets to reduce 1996 flaring levels by up to 70% by 2007.

"We understand the public's concern about flaring and that's why we moved to surpass the flaring targets," says Pierre Alvarez, president of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers.

"The oil and gas industry is committed to the long-term goal of eliminating routine solution gas flaring," says Alvarez.

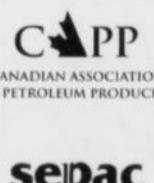
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## MINOR HOCKEY

## Three points for the Atom B Roughriders

The Didsbury Atom B Roughriders traveled to Chestermere on Saturday, the team lack hustle early in the first period allowing Chestermere to score two goals. Alex Hutcheon scored a goal in the last minute of the first period assisted by Dayle Kimmel. The Roughrider score three more in the second, two by Sam Kilmury and one to Sheldon Watkins, with an assist to Kasey Eichhorst. In the third period we came out making crisp passes and forechecking give us great scoring chances. The team exploded for five goals, scored by John

Carlson (2), Zac Pochapsky, Matt Jaenen and Eric Timmins with an assist to Mac Southgate. Chestermere pocketed 3 more goals to make the final 9-5 for the Roughriders.

The first place team in the Atom B North traveled to Didsbury on Sunday. Indus has only lost one game. That loss was to the Roughriders in early January, our team knew that this would be a tough game. Indus came out and scored 2 goals in the first period. The Roughriders responded with 3 straight in the second, lead by Sam Kilmury (2) and Alex Hutcheon. The third pe-



Tough battle ...

photo by Richard Westlund

## Rage edged again by Sundre in provincial action

The Didsbury Rage played their first round of provincials last week, Wednesday in Didsbury and Thursday in Sundre. Once again Sundre managed to knock us out with a 3-1 loss in Didsbury and a 4-3 loss in Sundre. Both games were, as usual, great to watch as these two teams are fairly even with a strong rivalry building. Sundre knocked the Rage out of the winter games with a 4-4 tie and 5-3 loss only to be eliminated themselves in the next round, good luck in the next round Sundre. Sunday afternoon the Rage were back at home to face Cochrane in a league game. Last time these two teams met the Rage handed them a

3-1 loss in Cochrane. Sunday's game was an end to end affair with both teams having plenty of scoring opportunities. Cochrane opened the scoring 3:10 into the first on a failed clearing attempt.

With 7:46 remaining in the first Didsbury drew the first penalty of the game and Cochrane netted a power play goal with 22 seconds remaining in the penalty. The Rage were digging a bit of a hole for themselves as they drew another penalty with 5:42 left. After killing off the second penalty the Rage finally scored with 3:18 remaining on a goal from Travis Dietrich. Three minutes later Matt Collinge snapped in another on a rebound from

Joey Kemmere. After one the score was 2-2. The second period didn't slow down any as Steve Teskey in net was tested on numerous occasions. With 5:17 gone in the second Jon Lefebvre stick handled out front of the net and scored a nice back hand goal to put the Rage ahead. Cochrane kept coming on and netted one of their own to tie it up again 5 minutes later. The third period started off 3-3 and the game would end that way. There was a questionable goal scored by Cochrane that the referee waived off, much to the dissatisfaction of the Cochrane crowd. Good effort Rage coming back from a two goal deficit.

The Tykes 10-8 loss was a game filled with excitement, and end to end action. Daniel Graf stopped many breakaways and point blank shots. The smooth skating and fancy stick work of Maija Lappala earned her 3 goals. The hard work and speed of Mike Northcott earned him 4 goals. The patience and poise with the puck saw Jay Gole rounding up the score with a single. Assists on this night were credited to Shauni Hasselberg, and Jacob Strautman. Singles were given to Travis Smith, Colin Northcott, Devon Nutall, and Jordan Olson. With the year coming to an end, my hats off to the great job all the coach's have done for the kids. Keep up the good work Tyke Rangers!

## Novice Hurricanes runner-up in Morrin tournament

What a team....these kids played their hearts out this weekend. Saturday morning was our first game; we came up against the host team Morrin. This game was extremely exciting for the parents and coaches to watch -

Hurricanes came out with the win 7-6.

Saturday afternoon we played Drumheller, our kids continued to play awesome and won the game 8-2. This brought us into the "A" Final against Oyen Sunday af-

ternoon. This game had some challenging moments and Oyen came out with the win 6-2. Our kids played so well this weekend and should be proud of taking home 2nd place of the tournament - way to go team!

## Provincial players

The following are some of the players from Didsbury's bantam hockey team who will be fighting for a provincial championship in March when the provincials are held at the Didsbury Memorial Arena.



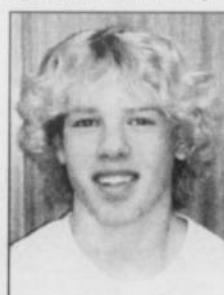
Brenden Meston #77 Wing



Aaron Herold #91 Centre



Garrett Wenckowski #66 Defense



Jeff Clazie #99 Centre



John Arbuckle #30 Goalie



Cory Shields Coach

## DIDSBURY GYMNASTICS CLUB

**Gymnastics Awareness Week February 9-16**

On Monday and Wednesday evenings, close to sixty gymnasts take to the mats in the Ross Ford School gym. They roll, leap, swing and spring, having a lot of fun in the process. The Didsbury Gymnastics Club, boasting of close to 60 members, knows how to put all that youthful energy to optimum use.

The club, a fully accredited member of the Alberta Gymnastics Federation, follows the Cangym Program which leads young recreational gymnasts through a series of badge levels. These levels start early as the Kindergym class in which gymnasts as young as three can register. At this point, children learn about gymnastic basics such as balance, movement and how to listen to coaching. By the age of five, gymnasts start the Cangym badge program. As skills are accomplished, they are evaluated and advanced through badge levels burgundy to turquoise. And don't think gymnastics is just for girls. There are several enthusiastic boys in the program learning to improve their strength and agility.

The DGC has three Level I certified coaches. Head coach and competitive team coach, Lenore Fox, pre-competitive coach, Tracy Simpson and competitive team trainer, Tana Hooper are all from Airdrie.

Recreational coaches are former gymnasts with the club or others who have experience working with young children, all closely supervised by the head coach. At 16, interested coaches may train to earn their coaching certificate. As well, coaching clinics instruct recreational coaches in proper instruction procedures.

There are three competitive and six pre-competitive gymnasts with the club. These girls not only train on the four main gymnastic components, balance beam, vault, uneven bars and floor routine, they also follow a strict conditioning program designed to improve flexibility, strength and stamina. They compete at several area meets from January to March, some, highly competitive, others, fun meets.

The Didsbury Gymnastics Club provides all the basic equipment for quality gymnastic training. Thanks to generous donations from the Didsbury Elks and the Senior's Games Legacy Foundation, we have been able to add some extremely useful training accessories to optimize training methods.

Gymnastics is alive and well in Didsbury! The club was hoping to showcase their achievements at a Gymnathon Night during Gymnastics Awareness Week but this was unfortu-



The Didsbury Gymnastics Club, boasting of close to 60 members, knows how to put all that youthful energy to optimum use.

nately affected by the teachers labour dispute since we are unable to use school facilities. However, we are hoping to be able to invite you out to see us on the evenings of March 11 and 13. Gymnasts will be looking for sponsors to reward them for points earned in com-

pleting skills appropriate for their particular level and they will be evaluated on these skills at the Gymnathon. The public and sponsors are more than welcome to come to check out the club and its athletes. There will be demonstrations, excitement, prizes and lots more so

watch for further announcements.

Also, look for the girls in their new royal blue, black and white tracksuits. They are proud representatives of the Didsbury Gymnastics Club and the club is very proud of them and their accomplishments.

**Didsbury Hurricanes improving in second half of season**

We have 11 very energetic young hockey players. We have had a little bit of a struggle until the weekend of Feb 1 - 3 we played in the Bowden Novice Tournament.

We played our first game Saturday morning against Blackfalds, although we lost our first game 5-3, the kids put in 110%.

Saturday afternoon we played Innisfail and came with our first win of 7-4. Saturday night our team was involved in a skills competition where all 8 teams competed in different events.

The Hurricanes came out with a trophy for 2nd over all and our goalie CJ Drever came out with outstanding goalie of

the tournament and got a nice medallion.

Sunday morning brought us into the C Final against Caroline.

The kids played with everything they had and came out with a win of 10-4.

All 3 games were very exciting for the parents and fans to watch, never a dull moment.

All the passing drills & skating drills that are done in practices came shining through - way to go coaches.

We are so proud of our kids and very impressed with the coaches that give all their valuable time to teach our kids - way to go team keep up the great work.

Our team consists of Dylan Hopkins, Curtis Smith, Topher

Large, Taylor Voszler, Zac Rahn, Cris Wood, Blake Shields, Michelle Pochapsky, Craig Drever, Colten Gardner and Logan Redman. Coaches: Len Hopkins, John Voszler, Doug Shields and Manager Tracy Smith.

We are in the Morrin Tournament February 11-13 and are expecting another fantastic weekend.

**Calgary rink wins Ladies Bonspiel**

Everyone certainly enjoyed the curling, the wonderful banquet and entertainment, great door prizes.

The following teams were in the winners circle:

**A Event**

1. Martha Stanford - Calgary with Wendy Allison, skip, Jeanette Bremault, third, May Beblou, second & Martha, lead.

2. Carole Funkhouser - Olds with Jerry Laviolette, Elaine Graham & Carol Johnson.

**B Event**

1. Norma Clarke - Carstairs, Gail Davis, Isabelle Pitkmen and Irene Rowntree.

2. Wanda Mudry - Didsbury with Pam Thomas, Vicki Lodermeier and Bev Biggeman.

**C Event**

1. Marlene Fizer, Westlock with Terry Lamblow, Kelly Smith and Sharon Faushog.

**D Event**

2. Diane Johnson - Didsbury



Martha Stanford's Calgary rink took top spot at the Ladies bonspiel in Didsbury.

with Trudy Bosomworth, Carol Maffit and Linda Neumiller.

3. Shelia Mason - Didsbury.  
4. Bev Wilson - Didsbury.

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with Vernon E. Good, Barrister & Solicitor

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Teachers want a 19% salary increase

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6% increase February 2002

1% increase July 2002

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It cannot afford the teacher's proposal.

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- improved classroom conditions for *all* students
- an educational system that attracts and retains new teachers
- fair and equitable salary increases

### Chinook's Edge School Board Members

Elected officials respond best to those who cast the votes. Call and ask your school board representative about the truth today!

# The Program

## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND EVENTS



### DIDSBURY

#### Didsbury Minor Hockey

Bantam Provincial Tournament on March 8, 9, 10 at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. Opening ceremonies 7 p.m. on the 8th. Come out & support your local team!

#### Meeting

Mountain View Food Bank Society Annual General Meeting on March 4, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. 5025 50 street, Olds (basement).

#### Didsbury & District Light Horse Club

The general meeting will be held on February 18, 2002 at the Didsbury Curling Club hog line room at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. For more info phone 335-4202.

### CARSTAIRS

#### RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

### DIDSBURY

#### COMMUNITY CRISIS SOCIETY

Are you experiencing family violence? Please call the Crisis Shelter at 1-877-934-6634.

#### CHAMPS

"NEW" Canadian Weight Awareness - CHAMPS Club Inc. is a Registered Non-Profit Weight Loss Support Organization which meets weekly. We are open to Men and Ladies whom share a common concern of managing funds sensibly. For more info contact Elaine at 250-832-7671 or Jan at 250-392-5474.

#### DIDSBURY MUSEUM

New Winter hours: Saturday 1 - 5 p.m., special occasions, & anytime by appointment. Please call Marg Weaver at 335-4245, Jim Neis at 335-3133 or Willard Stauffer at 335-3715.

**CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE**  
General Meeting - Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265. RSVP

#### DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Joanne at 337-2614.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info call Deborah at the Town Office at 335-8343.

#### TOY LIBRARY

Kidding Around Parents Club Toy Library. Open Tuesdays 10-11:30 a.m., and 2nd & 4th Saturdays for the fall at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

#### AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Roxanne at 335-8322 or Rick at 335-9525.

#### TIME OUT

Mom's Time Out and Dads Too. At Redeemer Lutheran Church, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-2388 for more information.

### DIDSBURY

#### Mom's Time Out

In the event of a teacher's strike, Mom's Time Out will still be held Mon. mornings from 10 - 11:30 a.m.

#### Shower

There will be a mixed shower for Rick Kohut and Amy Dykstra, at the Mountain View Community Hall on Feb. 24, 2:30 p.m. Potluck snacks.

#### Photography

A group of photo enthusiasts are considering starting a photo club which would meet the first Wed. of the month. If you are interested call Carla at 556-7510 or Richard at 335-3301 between 9 and 5.

### ONGOING EVENTS

### DIDSBURY

#### KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

#### O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

#### GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7-9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

#### SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

#### RECYCLING DEPOT

Didsbury Lions Recycle Centre open Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Accepting newspaper, office papers, magazines, junkmail, plastic milkjugs (please clean). Phone 335-8193. Use outside bins.

#### CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

#### DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

The Didsbury Preschool Society is currently accepting on-going registrations for children 3 to 5 years old to our preschool program. For more information or to register your child please call Cherrie 335-8818 or 335-8039

#### LIONS

Lions Handi Bus in town service Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Wheelchair accessible. Call Lloyd Kenyon at 335-2363.

#### INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location.

#### BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

#### OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Just Done For Fun out of school care program runs each school day at Ross Ford. For more information call 335-8168.

### DIDSBURY

#### Library

The Didsbury Municipal Library Brown Bag Theatre is being held on Thurs. Feb. 21 at 12 noon. Discovering Sweden is the topic.

### OLDS

#### Fundraiser

Bibles for Russia Gideon Banquet Fundraiser. Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Olds Baptist Church. Special speaker & music. Tickets \$5. Call 337-4088.

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### LONE PINE

#### T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Friday at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

#### OLDS MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

#### SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month. For time and place, contact Mel Terpstra 335-3527 for info.

#### SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Wednesdays, 8 - 9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

#### ALA TEEN

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#### AL-ANON

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## SPORTS

## **Lacrosse arrives in Didsbury because of interest**

There has been a lot of interest expressed for Didsbury being introduced to Lacrosse. Some of our community members go elsewhere to participate in this most enjoyable sport. Well ... this lacrosse season, you will have an opportunity to enjoy the sport right here at home!

It has been organized for a Lacrosse clinic to be held at the Multi-Purpose Room. This four night clinic will be a combination of information, demonstration

and hands on participation.

What do we need? We need you! We need prospective participants - youth and adults. As in any organization, we are also looking for a couple of adults that may be interested in spear-heading Lacrosse in Didsbury. This does not necessarily mean that you have to be involved forevermore with Lacrosse in Didsbury. It simply means that we need people to get started. Coaches, referees and association members will be

needed in the future, so keep that in mind too.

What do you need? You need to come to the Didsbury Memorial Complex Multi-Room on February 25, February 28, March 4 and March 7 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and you need to bring your runners, helmets (with masks) and hockey gloves. There will be a minimal fee charged of \$5 per participant for this clinic to help cover costs.

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